

# **Closing the Gap: Innovative Responses for Sustainable Water Infrastructure**

**January 31, 2003  
Marriott at Metro Center  
Ballroom  
775 12th St. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005**

- 9:00 am      **Opening/Welcome by the Administrator of the U.S. EPA, Christine Todd Whitman**
- 9:15 am      **Introduction and Perspective on Sustaining Our Water Infrastructure by EPA's Assistant Administrator for Water, G. Tracy Mehan, III**
- 9:45 am      **Managing Water and Infrastructure Assets Panel**  
**Facilitator:** Bill Ross, Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting  
**Panelists:** Andrew Chapman, Elizabethtown Water Company  
Chuck Clarke, Seattle Public Utilities  
Harry Ott, The Coca Cola Company  
Paul Pinault, Narragansett Bay Commission  
Richard Pinkham, Rocky Mountain Institute  
Michael Rouse, International Water Association
- A facilitated discussion focused on approaches for efficient, effective management of water and infrastructure assets. A panel of experts will represent a broad array of interests including large corporate water users, public utilities, investor-owned utilities, asset management specialists, environmental and academic institutions, the European water industry, and U.S. EPA. Discussion topics may range from how water industries are currently responding to changing patterns of water use to holistic water resource and infrastructure management. **Open discussion** - The audience will be invited to raise issues and questions for the panel.
- 12:00 noon      **LUNCH**
- 1:15 pm      **Sustainable Infrastructure Financing Panel**  
**Facilitator:** Bill Ross, Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting  
**Panelists:** Janice Beecher, Michigan State University Institute of Public Utilities  
John Betkoski, Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control  
Michael Chesser, United Water  
Paul Halberstadt, ConAgra Foods  
Erik Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council  
Billy Turner, Columbus Water Works  
Kevin Ward, Texas Water Development Board

A facilitated discussion addressing strategies to ensure sustainable infrastructure financing. A panel of experts will represent a range of perspectives including large corporate water users, state public utility commissions, private investment banks, public utilities, state infrastructure financing authorities, investor-owned utilities, and U.S. EPA. Topics for analysis will include the implications of full cost water pricing, new and innovative funding sources and processes, and barriers to innovation. **Open discussion** - The audience will be invited to raise issues and questions for the panel.

3:30 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
3:45 pm	<b>Reflection on Panel Discussions with the Assistant Administrator for Water</b>
4:00 pm	<b>Public comment/discussion</b>
4:50 pm	<b>Closing remarks</b>
5:00 pm	<b>ADJOURN</b>